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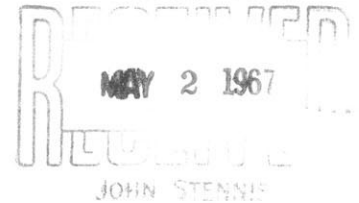
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April 26, 1967

Senator John Stennis
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON OFFICE



Dear Senator:

In reference to Golden Age Nursing Home, Greenwood,
Miss.

We have an nursing home, 150 capacity, and if full
all the time, this is a self supporting home, guests
pay a monthly fee, many of them draw the \$50.00 State
Welfare check. This helps them on the payments.

Many of them, along with the town people are
worried about the possibility of the State Welfare
Dept. cutting this money off, in case ~~of~~ a compliance
agreement is not signed.

I want to now if under Title 6, or some other
part of the law could this be done.

Will you please explain the Vendor Payment.

Sincerely,



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Nursing Homes

United States Senate

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May 12, 1967

[REDACTED]

Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for your recent letter inquiring whether welfare payments to patients of nursing homes which are not in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act can be terminated under the law.

I can certainly understand your concern but I do not believe that there is any reason to be alarmed. Generally, payments to individuals are not affected by the Civil Rights Act and the recipient may spend these benefits in any way he pleases. It is only in those cases where the institution itself is receiving assistance from a program supported by Federal Funds that it is necessary to comply with the Civil Rights Act. II

I previously had occasion to take this very same problem up with the Surgeon General and I am enclosing a copy of his reply to me at that time for your further information. I hope that this will fully answer your questions but if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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Enclosure